

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Event: National Night Out 2018

**Location:** Neighborhoods throughout Ventura

**Date/Time**: Tuesday, August 14, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm **Register:** Submit registration form by August 1, 2018

## Narrative:

Registration is now open for National Night Out.

Ventura neighborhoods are invited to participate with many other neighborhoods across the country in celebration of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. The deadline to register is August 1, 2018.

National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event that is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Ventura Police Department. This is the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Night Out with over 38 million people across the country expected to participate.

National Night Out is designed to: 1) Heighten crime and drug awareness; 2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts; 3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships; and 4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and watching out for one another.

From 5 pm to 9 pm on August 14, 2018, residents in neighborhoods throughout Ventura and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend an evening outside with neighbors and police. Neighborhoods will be hosting a variety of events ranging from small potlucks and BBQs to block parties. Some additional event ideas include, but are not limited to, ice cream socials, disaster preparedness, games, contests, discussing neighborhood issues, discuss or plan a Neighborhood Watch Program. It is an opportunity to be creative, have fun and celebrate your neighborhood.

Registration is free and gives the police and city representatives an opportunity to attend local neighborhood events as time and circumstances permit. Submit the <u>online registration form</u> today at www.venturapd.org! Please call the Community Outreach Unit at 805-339-4317 with questions.

